

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

NOVEMBER 6, 2003

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:30pm in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, David White, Timothy Sullivan, Catherine Garnett and Judith Hodges of the Commission. Christine Wallace and Ellen Reed were absent. Kevin O'Brien, Director of Planning presented the Reed's Brook project.

7:30pm - COMMISSION BUSINESS

Garnett/Hodges motioned to approve the 10/16 minutes with minor edits; motion passed unanimously.

Sullivan/Garnett motioned to approve the 2004 meeting schedule; motion passed unanimously.

7:45pm REED'S BROOK – EXTENSION OF ORDER OF CONDITIONS (DEP File No. 91-134)

Mr. O'Brien explained that the project is nearly completed but will need to extend the permit for approximately one year until 10/04. The topsoil is currently being brought on site and then the planting will be completed in the spring.

White/Hodges motioned to approve the extension for three years; motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSION BUSINESS, continued:

Ms Beckwith reported that the Town Manager's office sent its recommendation of Ellen Reed as a member of the Conservation Commission to the Board of Selectman.

Ms. Beckwith reported on the site walk to 339 Mystic St. on October 20, 2003, and presented photos of the new plantings (two small tree/shrubs) along with the regrowth on the embankment. The Commission discussed the amount of mitigation still required and will redraft the enforcement letter to the owners. The additional work will include planting three larger trees near to the Lake.

The Commission reviewed the latest planting plan by ESS, Inc on behalf of the Winchester Country Club for the well irrigation project. The plan in general met with the approval of the Commission, while some small details of the plan sheet still need editing.

Mr. White reported on the site walk on November 1 at Meadowbrook Park for the path construction project to be done by Aaron Magil, Eagle Scout. Mr. White also observed that there is severe erosion in the vicinity of the weir and we need some sort of materials to install such as coir matting.

The Turkey Hill Land Stewards have placed a priority on clearing poison ivy from the pathways and need to discuss the use of herbicides for this with the Commission.

The Commission will hold the next general meeting of the Land Stewards group in late winter.

The Commission discussed details of the new Stewardship Fund coordinated through the Arlington Land Trust.

The Commission agreed to ask the Dept. of Public Works to take over the water chestnut control work at the Arlington Reservoir.

The Commission voted to convene at approximately 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cori Beckwith, Administrator